THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The Central Council for Research in Ayurved and Siddha an autonmous organisation working under the Ministry of Health and family Welfare has carried out survey of Medicinal Plants of forest area of Dangs District of Gujarat. It has collects 347 plants of medicinal importance out of which 160 plants are of Ayurvedic importance.

(b) The Department of Indian System of Medicine is implementing schemes for setting up of Medicinal Plants Gardens and Development of Agro-techniques of medicinal plants. Some of these medicinal plants have been covered under these schemes for cultivation and development of agro-techniques.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by Health & Family Welfare Deptt. G/o Gujarat, two Govt. Ayurvedic Pharmacies are working at Rajpipla and Vadodara. One Ayurvedic Pharmacy is working on cooperative basis in Ahwe, District Dang. No effort has been made to obtain patents for these medicines.

Non-Incorporation of Annual Studies Programme of SIU in CGHS Units

1929. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not incorporating annual studies programme of Staff Inspection Unit, Ministry of Finance, in the year 1999 in C.G.H.S. Ayurvedic Homoeopathic and Unani Dispensaries units and Hospitals in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) by when Government are going to incorporate an annual studies programme of Staff Inspection Unit, Ministry of Finance in the C.G.H.S. Dispensaries/ units of I.S.M. and H. in Delhi and outside Delhi, to give relief to the present functioning system of C.G.H.S. (I.S.M. and H.); and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) The staff Inspection Unit of the M/o Finance has already completed study on the functioning of CGHS Allopathic dispensaries and their report is awaited, S.I.U has also been requested to undertake the study of Ayurvedic Homoepathic/Unani dispensaries/Units in Delhi and outside Delhi to which they have agreed. The study will be undertaken after the finalisation of S.I.U. report of Allopathic dispensaries.

Staffing Norms for C.G.H.S. Units

1930. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study for evolving staffing norms of C.G.H.S. Dispensaries of Allopathic system of medicine was incorporated in Annual Studies programme of Staff Inspection Unit, Ministry of Finance, in the year 1999;

(b) if so, the purpose of programme and the details of observations and recommendations;

(c) whether any report in this regard has been submitted to Government; if so, the details of recommendations made to Government; and

(d) what are the reasons for not incorporating such study programme in the C.G.H.S. (I.S.M. and H.) in Delhi and outside Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (d) The Staff Inspection Unit has already completed study on the functioning of CGHS Allopathic dispensaries. The report of the

study is awaited. It would also include staffing norms of Allopathic dispensaries. SIU have also agreed to undertake the study of ISM and H dispensaries in Delhi and outside Delhi after the SIU report on Allopathic dispensaries has been finalised.

Cholera Vaccine

1931. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some scientists working in the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric diseases, Calcutta, have developed a new live and safe Cholera Vaccine, which has been found safe and effective in initial trials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the vaccine is likely to go into commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) The Scientists of National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Calcutta in collaboration with Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh and Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Jadavpur, Calcutta have developed an oral recombinant cholera vaccine designated as VAL. 3. The vaccine has been found to be good under experimental conditions and has passed the acute toxicological studies successfully. The vaccine is now undergoing Phase I Clinical trial at three centres viz. PGI, Chandigarh, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow and Society for Applied Studies, Calcutta. As the vaccine needs to undergo Phase I, Phase II and Phase III clinical trials and also the approval of Drug Controler of India would be necessary if the vaccine is found successful, some more time will be required for commercial production of the vaccine.

Monitoring of Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme

1932. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme is under the World Health Organisation or in Central Health Organisation;

(b) who will monitor the programme to implement it; and

(c) whether the guidelines relating to it circulated by Government of India, can be amended at will by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The RCH Programme is a 100 per cent centrally sponsored Family Welfare Programme implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the State and Union Territory Governments. The Progamme is being jointly funded by the Government of India, World Bank, European Commision and other multilateral and bilateral donors.

(b) At the National level the RCH Programme is being monitored by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, at the State/Union Territory level the monitoring of the programme is being done by the respective State/UT Governments. The implementation is also monitored, from time to time by the World Bank and other major donors.

(c) Normally the State/Union Territories are adhering to the guidelines prepared by the Government of India for implementation of the RCH Programme; however, in special circumstances the States/Union territories can suggest region specific changes for approval by Government of India and if necessary, by the World Bank, if such changes are considered essential for smooth implementation of programme.